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ROBERT F. BENNETT, Washington Representative, Public Relations Office, J. C. Penney, Incorporated, Executive Building, 1930 15th Street, North West said he learned from his father Senator WILLIAM BENNETT of Utah, the following:

On April 3, 1968, the day before the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, a group of industrialists in the Chicago area who have business interests in Utah gave a cocktail reception for Senator WILLIAM BENNETT. Afterwards a smaller group of five or six of these industrialists had dinner with Senator BENNETT. One of these persons said a man who used to work for him was the personal chauffeur for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and this man came to him for advice. The chauffeur for KING said KING required him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. The chauffeur was concerned about his job as a chauffeur inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING himself being killed for the money.

The industrialist advised the chauffeur to quit but to furnish KING another reason for quitting.

ROBERT BENNETT said the host of the dinner was CHARLEY BARR, Standard Oil of Indiana, telephone 312 431-6314, Chicago, Illinois. Also BARR was present at the dinner and could furnish the names of the persons present including the name of the person who formerly employed KING's chauffeur and related the information about a black bag containing \$200,000.00. ROBERT BENNETT added he had contacted his father Senator BENNETT for the name of the person but his father could not recall the name of the individual who related the incident.

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